

# The Cutting Edge— Food Safety Management Partnership



# How do I participate?

An initial assessment can be conducted by your inspector during your regularly scheduled inspection.

#### Qualification criteria is met

You're enrolled in the program! Your next regularly scheduled visit will be a "Verification Visit" to confirm that your management systems are being effectively maintained.

#### What are the Qualification Criteria?

Policy—written SOP's for 10 applicable risk factors (see assessment form)
Train—train staff on SOP's, including corrective action
Monitor—ensure SOP's are being followed (logs, self assessments)

# What happens once I'm enrolled?

Once enrolled every other regularly scheduled visit will be a Verification Visit, you will receive Department recognition for participating, and you'll be eligible to earn the Cutting Edge Food Safety Management Award.

#### Verification Visits

During the Verification Visits your inspector will verify that there is active managerial control (policies, training, & monitoring) related to the 10 applicable risk factors.

# **Active Managerial Control present**

Congratulations! The inspector will leave the Assessment Form with the person in charge and will schedule the next visit as a comprehensive routine inspection

# What happens if I repeatedly show a lack of Active Managerial Control?

If a Verification Visit has to be changed to a comprehensive inspection during two consecutive visits you will have to re-qualify to be in the program. Also, if you're found in operation with an imminent health hazard present or your permit is placed on legal status, you will have to re-qualify to be in the program.

# Qualification criteria is not met

You're enrolled in the program! Your next regularly scheduled visit will be a verification visit during which the inspector will verify that any deficiencies noted during the initial assessment have been corrected.

#### **Deficiencies not corrected**

If the inspector discovers during the verification visit that deficiencies have not been corrected, the inspector will conduct a routine, comprehensive inspection.

If you're still interested in participating you can request the inspector conduct another assessment during your next regularly scheduled inspection.

#### What is considered to be lack of Active Managerial Control?

No person in charge or Certified Manager present. Repeat Priority or Priority foundation violation observed. An imminent health hazard is present.

Three or more out of compliance risk factors from the Assessment Form. Out of compliance risk factors cannot be corrected at the time of the visit. Noncompliance with variance requirements.

# **Active Managerial Control not present**

The inspector will conduct a comprehensive routine inspection.

The inspector will schedule your next visit as a Verification Visit during which you'll have another opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of your food safety management systems.